GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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SCHEME FOR EXPANSION OF FORESTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to formulate any scheme for expansion of forest land from the income earned by the commercial use of forests;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The matter is primarily the concern of the State Governments. However, the Ministry of Environment &Forests have formulated National Forestry Action Programme(NFAP), a comprehensive strategic long term plan for the next twenty years to address the issues underlying the major problems of the forestry sector in line with the National Forest Policy, 1988. The objective of the NFAPis to bring one third of the area of the country under tree cover and to arrest de-forestation for achieving sustainable development of forests.